

UP FAIR BLUFF WAY.

Mr. Muldrow Says His North Carolina Town Needs One Happy Farmer.

Dear Old Herald:

It seems as if dark clouds were overshadowing the tax payers and not the village of a silver lining to them can be seen, and when the old farmer realizes the fact that there is in eight twenty nine million bales of cotton that will not sell for cost of production and the length of time it will take to convert it into cloth and cheap hats as now the famous wool hat is no longer the correct headgear as they passed away with the Hon. Benjamin R. and along with this the universities, colleges, military institutions clamoring for more and larger appropriations that student boys may become more efficient as athletes. Baseball, foot ball and basket ball artists, to be transported from county to county and state to state that an admiring public may see them wallowing in the dirt. A new plan as to the proper way in teaching "The Young Idea how to shoot." And on this huge tax burden the boll weevils have come either as a curse or a blessing, time alone can solve the problem. And our solons entrusted with the power to enact wise laws for the betterment of the people they represent seem to be rather lavish with money that does not come out of their own pockets.

Well perhaps at some future day a Moses will come to the front and lead the people back to peace and prosperity and also the liberties bequeathed to them by their forefathers that founded this great republic.

Even in this old benighted town since our con skin king, the mayor, cut off his whiskers things have grown from bad to worse. The hogs and cows no longer promenade along the streets and eat up the daisies in the early spring but alas for them they are now held in "durance vile," and only Joe Waddell's old gander and his faithful companion are allowed the freedom of the town.

The only happy man we have met lately sports the name of Alexander Barnes, Esq. Late the past summer when the honeysuckles were in full bloom and shedding their sweet fragrance, he captured a blooming beauty of a country lass, not quite sixteen. The nuptials were rather a private affair, but the lady did and whisper will do ample justice to the occasion in singing the wedding march. Mr. Barnes is rather an elderlyman and has many children and grandchildren to mourn his loss. He and his youthful bride live a short distance out of town on his farm, where Mr. Barnes has turned out to be a Hogliet of the first water. He raises a cross bred, duroc and some other kind of hog, and his word for it, has butchered quite a lot of them this winter. Pigs four months old weighed 200 pounds, 18 months old 470 and 480 pounds, and had yards and yards of sausage, liver puddings and chitterlins, hog head cheese, back bones and spare ribs to give his neighbors, and further said when he laid himself down on his downy bed at night the crickets on his hearth would chirrup a sweet lullaby while he snoozed the hours away. But as he promised the writer a few yards of chitterlins and did not fulfill his promise he is satisfied that if the root of his family tree were dug up it would show that old Ananias was his ancestor.

Elihu Muldrow.

SAYS GROUNDHOG WRONG THIS YEAR.

Dutch Weather Prophet Takes Issue With Animal.

The State. The groundhog did not see his shadow when he came from his hole yesterday according to the Dutch Weather Prophet, who thinks this is one time the groundhog has been crossed up. He believes, however, that generally the little animal is right.

"February 2 is to some extent as important an epochal period as the four regular quarterly periods in the calendar—the annual equinox (March 20), summer solstice (June 21), autumnal equinox (September 23), or the winter solstice (December 22)," he said last night. "Even a casual observation of the lengthening days will show that the sun has begun to send its rays in increasing directness and find an entrance between walls and into windows where they have been absent since October. So Candlemas day (known as groundhog day) may be said to be the mid-winter period. No doubt this period is affected by the changes as to temperature just as they occur at the date of the four seasons of the year."

"Thus there are indications now that the 'back of winter' is not broken even if the groundhog did not see his shadow at sunrise on 'groundhog day' for sunshine after the sunrise period does not affect the groundhog as the tradition is understood," he said.

"This connection of the groundhog tradition with the midwinter period is only incidental," he continued. "In 1896 a French scientist made a mathematical demonstration of the effect produced by summer fogs upon winter precipitation. The Frenchman's conclusions as based on the only exact science in existence are identical with the same on the same subject that the German settlers of the Dutch Fork section of 'Newberry and Lexington have handed down from one generation to another, and which is labelled 'superstition' by even people who want everything proved by mathematics. Even the Romans 2,800 years ago knew that air currents changed every three days and in their variation gave multiplicity to changes in weather which occurred at regular periods after considerable time from their appearance."

"Thus the year 1921 will close the seven year period of 1914-21 which has given forth many peculiar phenomena of a meteorological character," he said, "not to mention the great political and economic upheaval caused by the world war—among

which may be mentioned the great July (1916), the cold weather of May 1917, prolonged and extreme cold period of December, 1917, and January, 1918, as well as the peculiar effect of the sun on foliage of trees and plants 1916-1920. The snow and sleet storm of last week adds to this list of phenomena. In sections north of Columbia it was both a 'wet' and a 'dry' snow, while Columbia was the center of the disturbance of sleet and snow combined.

"I made the forecast September 30 that two snows would occur during the present winter south and east of the Blue Ridge," he said. "This forecast has been verified. Likewise a year ago the forecast was made in The State that the fruit crop of 1920 would be abundant. Notwithstanding the facts that temperatures were below normal at frequent intervals, with severe frost, during the closing periods of the winter and early spring, the forecast was also verified. However, I am not prepared to predict an abundant fruit crop, especially peaches, for 1921. The indications are that the similar conditions as to temperature and frost will prevail in 1921, but the relation of the elements which neutralize the effect of temperatures and frost will be so different as to cause serious damage to fruit."

"Similar also to 1920 will be temperature and precipitation during the summer of 1921. Overflows in the rivers are indicated and bottom lands will be affected thereby."

\$7 a Year From Pullet.

On the Farm page of the News and Courier this morning will be found a story of what can be done in Charleston with a small flock of hens. It is a story worth reading. In a little pen scarcely larger than a dining room table Mr. Herbert T. McIntosh in the past year has gotten from ten pullets a total of 154 dozen eggs, worth at a conservative estimate something like \$108. The pullets cost him about \$38 to feed. Each pullet, therefore, earned during the year about \$7 above its keep.—News and Courier.

STATE WIDE INTERESTS IN CHOOSING PALMAFESTA QUEEN

Twenty Eight Counties Now Conducting Contests to Select Representative Young Women as Delegates to Big Social Gayety Week in Columbia March 27th to April 2nd.

Which county in South Carolina will have the honor of supplying Palmetto (Palmetto State Festival) with a queen? And who ever is chosen will be a queen in fact because she will be chosen from among forty five of the most attractive and popular young women in the state, one from each county, except Richland, who will assemble in Columbia during the week of March 27 to April 2, as special honor guests of Columbia and the Palmetto association. During the big week a general election will be held to choose the queen from among the many attractive candidates and this election promises to be a most interesting affair for everybody in South Carolina. A photographic supplement containing the pictures of all county delegates will be published in the newspapers of Columbia, and ballots will be issued the general public, by means of which everybody will be given an opportunity to express their choice for queen. The queen's grand prize will be a complete spring outfit of wearing apparel of her own selection to be furnished by the various specialty stores in Columbia. The value of the grand prize has been set high enough to make it well worth competing for.

Traveling expenses, hotel bills and entertainment for the county delegates will be borne by the Palmetto association and the young ladies will be chaperoned by leading society folk of Columbia, including the wives of state house officials. During the big week moving pictures of the Queen and her entire court will be taken and sent over the country by one of the leading film services.

Palmetto will be a week of many varied attractions including the state wide automobile show exhibiting the late models of cars, trucks and tractors; the style show, featuring the latest spring fashion creations posed by professional models to be imported from New York; daily band concerts by one of America's premier musical organizations; floral, trades, automobile and baby parades; fetes, dances, social events and special attractions at all theatres, with nightly exhibits of fireworks in which will be featured specially designed set pieces depicting important events in South Carolina History. The auto show, style show and fireworks display will be staged at the State Fair Grounds.

Local contests to secure candidates for Queen of Palmetto are now being conducted through the daily and weekly newspapers in the following counties: Allendale, Hampton, York, Lee, Georgetown, Union, Cherokee, Lexington, Camden, Saluda, Colleton, Sumter, Clarendon, Greenwood, Abbeville, Aiken, Darlington, Charleston, Pickens, Edgefield, Anderson, Fairfield, Williamsburg, Oconee, Calhoun, Horry, Dillon and Marlboro.

Voting coupons will be printed in each issue of this newspaper up to and including the issue of March 12, at which time the votes will be counted and announcement of the winner made. There will be no restriction upon the number of votes each person may cast. Every coupon clipped from this newspaper is good for one vote, and a yearly, paid in advance subscription will count 10 votes.

FASTEST.

While we go on our humdrum ways a celestial runaway is dashing through the heavens at the fastest speed ever attained by any object in the universe. This bad boy among the stars goes by the drab name of Nebula Dreyer No. 584, and his address is the Constellation of Cetus. The nebula is not visible to the eye. It flashes across the lower southern skies in the early evening and

its erratic course has been discovered by Dr. V. M. Slipper of the Lowell Observatory, Flagstaff, Ariz.

As our sun, dragging the earth and the other planets with it, loafs along at approximately 12 miles a second, Nebula Dreyer No. 584 is showing its heels to the rest of creation at the rate of 1,242 miles. Its course is directly away from the earth.

No one knows where this nebula is going, what it will hit, or whether, in all eternity, it will visit us again. It has just one claim on the attention of earth-dwellers. It is the superlative in speed. And in these days, to reach that pinnacle, it has to go some.

DEAD CAME TO LIFE

Undertaker Sent for When Man Believed Dead Revived.

Pronounced dead of heart disease on a Pennsylvania train as it passed through Elizabeth bound from New York for Atlantic City, and removed after having narrowly escaped being put in an ice box at Trenton, Joseph Staub, sixty-eight, of No. 518 North Michigan avenue, warmly greeted members of his family at the railroad station last week and waved away an industrious undertaker who met the train to claim his body, relates an Atlantic N. J. dispatch.

Staub had been absent from America twenty-eight years, most of the time in Hungary. He reached New York yesterday and started immediately for Atlantic City to join his sons and daughters here. He was met in New York by a daughter, Mrs. Yvette Limver. When the train left the Pennsylvania Station she took a seat in the day coach and her father went into the smoker.

Just as the train passed out of Elizabeth station Staub half arose from his seat, cried out hoarsely and fell back heavily. A physician on the train tried every means of resuscitation without avail and said the man was dead. A stretcher was obtained and the supposed dead body was carried to the baggage car. A train telegram was sent to a Trenton undertaker to be on hand to receive the body there, but just as the train reached that city the grief stricken daughter got permission to bring the body through to this city.

The train had pulled out of Trenton only a few minutes when the baggage man thought he saw Staub's right hand twitch. He called the physician again and with the application of smelling salts a noticeable convulsion passed through the body. A little later the "corpse" began to kick. Then Staub sat up, looked about him and inquired what it was all about.

He was able to walk with the assistance of his daughter after he had alighted from the train here, and called out to a waiting undertaker that he was a bit premature.

Tonight Staub had fully recovered. Excitement due to joy in anticipation of meeting his family after such a long separation was given by his physician as the cause of the heart-attack.

A. C. L. DISCONTINUES TRAINS

Among them is the Early Morning Train to Wilmington.

Three trains in South Carolina are to be discontinued by the Atlantic Coast Line railroad. The changes, which have been approved by the railroad commission, will go into effect Sunday, February 6, the trains to be taken off by the order largely duplicating service, which will be carried by other trains to make connections as usual.

Trains No. 68 and 69 between Columbia and Sumter will be discontinued, the traffic normally handled by them to be cared for by train No. 54 and No. 55. No. 68 now leaves Columbia at 7:45 o'clock in the morning and reaches Sumter at 9:20, while No. 69 leaves Sumter at 6:25 o'clock at night and reaches Columbia at 8 o'clock. No. 54, which will be continued on its present schedule, leaves Columbia at 5:40 o'clock in the morning and reaches Sumter at 7:15 o'clock, while No. 55 leaves Sumter at 9:25 o'clock at night to reach Columbia at 10:50 o'clock.

Trains No. 66 and 67, operating daily between Bennettsville and Fayetteville, N. C., will also be taken off. No. 66 leaves Bennettsville at 8:28 o'clock at night and reaches Fayetteville at 10:35 o'clock, while No. 67 leaves Fayetteville at 7:10 o'clock in the morning and reaches Bennettsville at 9:25 o'clock.

Trains 57 and 58 between Florence and Wilmington, N. C., will also be discontinued the traffic to be handled by the other trains now being operated between the two stations. No. 57 leaves Wilmington at 6:45 o'clock in the afternoon to reach Florence

at 10:50 o'clock at night, while No. 58 leaves Florence at 5:30 o'clock in the morning to arrive in Wilmington at 9:45 o'clock.

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Returns of personal property, new buildings, transfers of real estate, poll, road and dog tax are to be made at County Auditor's office from

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As required by law, a fifty percent penalty will be added to the taxes of persons who fail to make their returns during this time.

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FINAL DISCHARGE NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that J. M. Godbolt, administrator of the estate of Sarah Godbolt, deceased, has made application unto me for final discharge as administrator and that Wednesday, February 23rd, 10 a. m. in the forenoon has been appointed for the hearing of the said petition. All persons holding claims against the said estate are requested to file them with the administrator on or before 10 a. m. in the forenoon on February 23rd, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.
JOE CABELL DAVIS,
Judge of Probate,
Dillon County.

NOTICE OF FINAL DISCHARGE
Notice is hereby given that S. J. Bethea, Executor of the estate of J. C. Bass, deceased, has made application unto me for final discharge as such executor, and that Friday, February 18th at 10 a. m. in the forenoon has been appointed for the hearing of the said petition. All persons holding claims against the said estate are requested to file them with the executor on or before 10 a. m. in the forenoon on Friday, February 18th, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.
JOE CABELL DAVIS,
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Income Tax Returns

I am prepared to assist you in making your Income Returns for 1920. I have had two years experience and have made a large number of returns and so far there has been no come back which was not easily explained without further cost to the taxpayer; being located in the county I am available to assist in any case where you may later be called on for an explanation by the Government Agent.

Non-Resident Experts who might help you make your returns might not be here to assist you in making an explanation if later called on for one.

I also have the necessary blanks. Inquiries mailed me to Latta, S. C., will receive my prompt attention.

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